

Proposal 33

Existing regulation: Unit 22 - Brown Bear

Unit 22(A) - 1 bear by State registration permit by residents of Unit 22(A) only.	Sept. 1-May 31
Unit 22(B) - 1 bear by State registration permit by residents of Unit 22(b) only.	Sept. 1-May 31
Unit 22(C)	No open season
Unit 22(E) - 1 bear by State registration permit only.	Aug. 1 - May 31
Unit 22 remainder - 1 bear by State registration permit only.	Sept. 1- May 31

Proposed regulation:Unit 22 - Brown Bear

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Unit 22(C)	No open season
Unit 22(E) - 1 bear by State registration permit only.	Aug. 1 - May 31
Unit 22 remainder - 1 bear by State registration permit only.	Sept. 1 May 31
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Reason for changing the regulation: This Federal Proposal request parallels one (State Proposal #5) submitted to the Alaska Board of Game, to be considered in November 2001. Eliminating the subunit distinctions would simplify regulations for the Federal subsistence users. Opening a harvest on the minuscule portion of Federal public lands in Unit 22(C) is likely insignificant in all aspects. Opening the harvest on August 1 throughout the unit, would provide regional consistency and increase harvest opportunities.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: The regional brown bear population is considered to be stable or slightly increasing, so adding one month of additional harvest will not likely pose any conservation concerns.

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Increase Federal subsistence harvest opportunities.

Proposed by: Seward Peninsula Regional Advisory Council

Proposal 34

Existing regulation: Unit 22 - Moose

Unit 22 (B) – 1 bull	Aug. 1 – Dec. 1
Unit 22 (D) – That portion within the Kuzitrin River drainage - 1 antlered bull	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
Unit 22 (D) Remainder - 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may only be taken from Dec. 1-31; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
Unit 22 (E) - 1 moose; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf	Aug. 1 – Mar. 31

Proposed regulation: Unit 22 - Moose

Unit 22 (B) – West of the Darby Mountains – 1 bull by State Registration Permit. The combined State/Federal harvest may not exceed 42 moose. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally-qualified subsistence users.	Aug. 10 - Jan. 31 Sept. 23
Unit 22 (B) – West of the Darby Mountains - 1 bull by either Federal or State Registration Permit. The total combined State/Federal harvest for both the Aug/Sept and January seasons may not exceed 48 moose. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally-qualified subsistence users.	Jan. 1- Jan. 31
Unit 22 (B) –Remainder – 1 bull	Aug. 1 – Jan.31.
Unit 22 (D) – That portion within the Kougarok, Kuzitrin and Pilgrim River drainages - 1 moose by Federal registration permit. The combined State/Federal harvest may not exceed 33 moose. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally-qualified subsistence users.	Aug. Sept. 1 - Sept. 30 Jan.31
Unit 22 (D) – That portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek - 1 bull by Federal registration permit - The combined State/Federal Sept. harvest may not exceed	Aug. Sept. 1 - Sept. 30 Jan.31

(# to be determined by ADF&G) moose.

Unit 22 (D) – **That portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek** - 1 moose
by Federal registration permit. No person may take a cow accompanied by a calf. **The combined State/Federal September & December harvest may not exceed (# to be determined by ADF&G) moose. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally-qualified subsistence users.** Dec. 1 - Dec. 31

Unit 22 (D) Remainder - 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may only be taken from Dec. 1-31; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf Aug. 1 – Jan. 31

Unit 22 (E) - ~~1-moose bull~~; **Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally-qualified subsistence users.** Aug. 1 – ~~Mar 31~~ **Dec. 31**

Reason for changing the regulation: Reducing harvest will help conserve declining local moose populations, while still providing some subsistence harvest opportunities.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: Reducing the harvest will promote conservation of a declining moose population

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Decreased harvest opportunities, but increased role in conserving local moose populations

Proposed by: Seward Peninsula Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Proposal 35

Existing regulation: Unit 22 - Moose

Unit 22 (B) – 1 bull	Aug. 1 – Dec. 1
Unit 22 (D) – That portion within the Kuzitrin River drainage - 1 antlered bull	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
Unit 22 (D) Remainder - 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may only be taken from Dec. 1-31; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
Unit 22 (E) - 1 moose; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf	Aug. 1 – Mar. 31

Proposed regulation: Unit 22 - Moose

Unit 22 (B) – West of the Darby Mountains – 1 bull by State Registration Permit. The combined State/Federal harvest may not exceed 42 moose. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally-qualified subsistence users.	Aug. 10 - Sept. 23
Unit 22 (B) – West of the Darby Mountains - 1 bull by either Federal or State Registration Permit. The total combined State/Federal harvest for both the Aug/Sept and January seasons may not exceed 48 moose. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by residents of White Mountain and Golovin.	Jan. 1- Jan. 31
Unit 22 (B) –Remainder – 1 bull	Aug. 1 – Dec. 1
Unit 22 (D) – That portion within the Kougarak, Kuzitrin and Pilgrim River drainages - 1 moose by Federal registration permit. The combined State/Federal harvest may not exceed 33 moose. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by residents of Unit 22(D).	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30
Unit 22 (D) – That portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek - 1 bull by Federal registration permit -The combined State/Federal Sept. harvest may not exceed (# to be determined by ADF&G) moose.	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

Unit 22 (D) – That portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek - 1 moose by Federal registration permit. No person may take a cow accompanied by a calf. The combined State/Federal September & December harvest may not exceed (# to be determined by ADF&G) moose. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by **residents of Unit 22(D)**. Dec. 1 - Dec. 31

Unit 22 (D) Remainder - 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may only be taken from Dec. 1-31; no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf Aug. 1 – Jan. 31

Unit 22 (E) - 1 bull; Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. Aug. 1 – Dec. 31

Reason for changing the regulation: Restricting the harvest to residents of subunits 22(B) and (D) for areas where local moose populations are severely reduced would provide a subsistence priority to residents of these respective subunits.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: None

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Decreased harvest opportunities for residents of Units 22(A), (C) and (E), but increased harvest opportunities for residents of Units 22(B) and (D)

Proposed by: Seward Peninsula Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Proposal 36

Existing regulation: Unit 22(E) - Moose & Muskox

There is no special provision in current regulations for the ceremonial taking of moose and muskox for Unit 22.

Proposed regulation:

§ __.26(m)(22)(iii) Unit-specific regulations:

(D) The taking of 1 moose (bull) and 1 muskox by the residents of Wales is allowed for the celebration of the Kingikmiut Dance Festival under the terms of a Federal registration permit. Permits will be issued to individuals only at the request of the Native Village of Wales. The harvest will occur between November 15 and December 31.

Reason for changing the regulation: Two years ago the village of Wales reinstituted the traditional cultural practice of celebrating Kingikmiut Dance Festival, not observed since the last dance festival 57 years ago. The purpose is to revive a traditional ceremonial practice and to provide meat for the ceremony.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: No effect is anticipated on the muskox population. No effect is anticipated on the moose population if the moose is taken as part of the established harvest quotas.

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: The proposed change will provide subsistence users in the Unit 22(E) communities an opportunity to share meat as a part of participating in a traditional ceremonial practice that they have been unable to participate in the past 57 years.

Additional information: The Kingikmiut Dance Festival has had traditional dance groups from Anchorage, Brevig Mission, Diomedes and King Island. We have participants from Nome, Shishmaref, Teller and other communities.

Proposed by: Toby Anungazuk, Jr. on behalf of the Native Village of Wales.

Proposal 37

Existing regulation: Units 22 & 23 (sw) - Muskox

Unit 22(B) - 1 bull by Federal permit or State Tier II permit. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. The total combined harvest may not exceed 8 bulls.	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15
Unit 22(D) – That portion west of the Tisuk River Drainage and Canyon Creek - 1 muskox by Federal permit or State Tier II permit; however, cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1-Mar. 15. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. Not more than 3 cows may be taken, and the total combined harvest may not exceed 7 animals.	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15
Remainder of Unit 22(D) - 1 muskox by Federal permit or State Tier II permit; however, cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1-Mar. 15. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. Not more than 13 cows may be taken, and the total combined harvest may not exceed 32 animals.	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15
Unit 22(E) - 1 muskox by Federal permit or State Tier II permit; however, cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1-Mar. 15. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. Not more than 14 cows may be taken, and the total combined harvest may not exceed 23 animals.	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15
Remainder of Unit 22	No Federal open season
Unit 23 – south of Kotzebue Sound and west of and including the Buckland River drainage - 1 muskox by Federal permit or State Tier II permit; however, cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1-Mar. 15. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. Not more than 8 cows may be taken, and the total combined harvest may not exceed 13 animals.	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15

Remainder of Unit 23

No Federal open season

Proposed regulation: Units 22 & 23 - Muskox

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Aug. 1 - Mar. 15

Annual harvest quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands, in consultation the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and BLM.

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Parklands, in consultation the Alaska Department of Fish & Game.**

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cows may only be taken during the period Jan. 1-Mar. 15.
Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox
except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. ~~Not more
than 8 cows may be taken, and the total combined
harvest may not exceed 13 animals.~~ **Annual harvest
quotas and any needed closures will be announced by
the Superintendent of the Western Arctic National
Parklands, in consultation the Alaska Department of Fish & Game.**

Remainder of Unit 23

No Federal open season

Reason for changing the regulation: Federal and State wildlife managers agree that the muskox population can sustain a higher harvest rate of 8% (including 4% cows) in Unit 22(E), while remaining healthy and with continued growth consistent with management objectives expressed by Seward Peninsula Muskox Cooperators Group. Delegating the determination of annual quotas and potential follow-up harvest closures to the Superintendent of the Western Arctic Parklands, in consultation with ADF&G and BLM would build in flexibility. Local harvest quotas have been continually changing, due to new population counts and changes by the Seward Peninsula Muskox Cooperators, which can involve complex coordination in a harvest managed jointly with the State.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: This increase in harvest or delegation of management authority will likely not significantly effect the health or continued growth of the local muskox population.

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Increase subsistence harvest opportunities

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